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SUBJECT: PROBLEMS OF IN TAM AND HIS FAMILY

REFS: (A) PARIS 01637; (B) BANGKOK 1654

1. IN TAM CAME TO EMBASSY AGAIN ON FEBRUARY 20. HE SAID HE HAD LEARNED THAT US EMBASSY REPS HAD VISITED CAMBODIAN CAMPS TO MAKE LIST OF THE CAMBODIANS WHO WISHED TO GO TO THE US AND TO DETERMINE WHO FITTED US CRITERIA -- CLOSE FAMILY MEMBERS OR A SPONSOR IN THE US. IN TAM'S RELATIVES MENTIONED HIS THREE CHILDREN IN THE US, BUT WERE TOLD THAT THEY WERE UNABLE TO SPONSOR SUCH A LARGE NUMBER OF RELATIVES.

2. AS FOR FRANCE, SOME OF IN TAM'S NEPHEWS HAD ARRIVED IN FRANCE SINCE HIS ARRIVAL HEADING A PARTY OF 14. HOWEVER, HE HAD DIFFICULTY IN GETTING INTO FRANCE HIS YOUNGEST SISTER, WHOM HIS FATHER WISHED PARTICULARLY TO BE WITH HIM. IN TAM THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY THAT FRANCE WOULD ADMIT ALL HIS RELATIVES, BUT IT WOULD PERHAPS ADMIT A FEW MORE.

3. IN TAM -- AND OTHER INDOCHINESE -- HAVE BEEN CONCERNED BY THE REPORTS FROM THAILAND THAT THE RTG WOULD DEPORT REFUGEES ENTERING FROM INDOCHINA "WHO DID NOT

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HAVE PROPER DOCUMENTATION" AND WOULD DISCUSS WITH

INDOCHINA GOVERNMENTS THE REPATRIATION OF THE 100,000
REFUGEES NOW IN THAILAND.

4. IN TAM SAID THAT ASIDE FROM THE GENERAL PROBLEM
OF ALL HIS RELATIVES, HE WISHED TO KNOW WHETHER HE
COULD SEND HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW TO THE US. SHE CAME TO
FRANCE WITH IN TAM, HIS WIFE AND FATHER. SINCE THEY
ARE ALL NOT ABLE TO WORK, HE HOPED THAT HIS DAUGHTER,
WHOSE HUSBAND IS NOW EMPLOYED, COULD TAKE CHARGE OF
AT LEAST HER GRANDMOTHER. THE SON-IN-LAW IS TIENG
MARDI, L61 JENNE DRIVE, PLEASANT HILL, CALIFORNIA.

5. ACTIONS REQUESTED: (A) WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPART-
MENT'S INFORMING US WHAT WE SHOULD TELL IN TAM AT THIS
TIME ABOUT HIS OVERALL FAMILY PROBLEM. (B) SHOULD
WE PROCESS IN TAM'S MOTHER-IN-LAW NOW SEPARATELY AS
AN INDOCHINA REFUGEE?
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